

# **ELIZABETH STEER**

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<b>Admissions</b>	Barrister, 2020 Solicitor, 2000
<b>Qualifications</b>	BCL (Oxon), 2006 BA/LLB (Hons) (Auckland), 2000
<b>Professional experience</b>	2020 – present      Barrister, NSW Bar 2017 – 2018      Senior Associate, SBA Lawyers 2015 – 2016      Senior Legal Counsel, CBA 2012 – 2014      Senior Associate, Arnold Bloch Leibler 2001 – 2011      Senior Associate (2006 – 2011), solicitor (2001 – 2005), Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills) 2000 – 2001      Solicitor and Law Clerk, Rudd Watts & Stone, New Zealand (now MinterEllisonRuddWatts)
<b>Areas of practice</b>	Banking & Financial Services Commercial Competition & Consumer Law Corporations Law Equity & Trusts Bankruptcy & Insolvency Inquests & Commissions of Inquiry



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## Summary

Liz acts in a wide range of complex commercial litigation and arbitration matters, as well as regulatory investigations and related proceedings. Her clients include public and private companies, across a range of industry sectors.

## Matters

The following is a selection of matters in which Liz has been briefed:

- ***Rauland Australia Pty Limited v Law & Hills Pty Limited*** appearing for Hills Limited and Mr Law in Federal Court proceedings about alleged misuse of confidential information, breach of copyright, and breach of s 183 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). Led by Tom Brennan SC, and instructed by Norton White.
- ***ASIC v Insurance Australia Limited***, appearing for IAL in civil penalty proceedings in relation to pricing representations. Led by John Sheahan QC, Sera Mirzabegian SC, and instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills.
- ***Argo Managing Agency Limited v Quintis Limited (Subject to Deed of Company Arrangement)***, appearing for Argo (for the underwriting members of Lloyds Syndicate 1200) on appeal to the Full Federal Court. Led by Michael Elliott SC, and instructed by Collin Biggers & Paisley.
- ***Olive Financial Markets Pty Limited v Australia Securities & Investment Commission***, appearing for Olive Financial Markets Pty Limited on appeal to the AAT against ASIC's cancellation of Olive's AFSL. Led by Michael Henry SC, and instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler.
- ***Hakea Holdings Pty Limited v McGrath & Anor***, appearing for the underwriting members of Lloyds Syndicate 2468 in Federal Court proceedings involving allegations of breach of directors' duties and a claim for indemnity under the relevant D&O policy. Led by Stuart Lawrance SC, and instructed by Collin Biggers & Paisley.

As a solicitor, Liz acted in a wide range of matters, including:

- Various ICAC investigations, including Operation Jasper into the conduct of Eddie Obeid and Ian Macdonald in relation to coal exploration licences.
- Various ASIC, ACCC and professional disciplinary investigations.
- Oppression proceedings in the Supreme Court of NSW for a majority shareholder of a Hunter Valley coal mine.
- Inquest into the death of Mrs Dianne Brimble, acting for Carnival Australia.
- *Seven Network Ltd & C7 v News Limited & Ors*, at first instance before Sackville J, acting for the Seven Network parties.